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SUBJ: RPP PARLIAMENTARIANS CALL FOR DEBATE ON PROSPECTIVE

U.S. MILITARY AID CUTOFF

1. SIXTEEN REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY DEPUTIES, LED BY SULEYMAN MUTLU OF AFYON, HAVE INTRODUCED A MOTION IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CALLING FOR GENERAL DEBATES, IN CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY, ON THE PROSPECTIVE CUTOFF OF U.S. MILITARY AID IN RELATION TO TURKISH SECURITY. THE MOTION, AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS, CALLS FOR A REVIEW OF MUTAL DEFENSE COMMITMENTS, A DISCUSSION OF MEASURES TO FILL THE GAP IF THE CUTOFF IS IMPLEMENTED, AND STEPS TOWARD FOUNDATION OF A NATIONAL WAR INDUSTRY. THE MOTION ALSO NOTES THAT EFFORTS IN THE U.S. TO CUT OFF THE AID GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT AMERICAN-TURKISH DEFENSE COOPERATION HAS LOST ITS VALUE IN THE EYES OF THE U.S. CONGRESS.

2. RPP SEC GEN ORHAN EYUBOGLU TOLD US JANUARY 9 THAT THE

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MOTION WAS DEFINITELY NOT RPT NOT INTENDED TO BE HOSTILE TOWARD

THE U.S. AND, IN HIS OPINION, WOULD WORK TO STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION IN OPPOSING THE AID CUTOFF BEFORE THE CONGRESS. WHILE THE RPP HAD NOT YET TAKEN A PARTY POSITION ON THE MOTION, EYUBOGLU EXPRESSED SYMPATHY TOWARD MUTLU'S PROPOSAL. HE COMMENTED THAT THE RECENT STOPPING AND RE-STARTING OF THE MILITARY AID PROGRAM WAS NOT HELPFUL FOR THE U.S.-TURKISH SECURITY RELATIONSHIP.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE EYUBOGLU'S ASSURANCES THAT MOTION IS NOT INTENDED AS ANTI-U.S. MOVE, GENERAL DEBATE NO DOUBT WILL PROVIDE OCCASION FOR EXPRESSION IN PARLIAMENT OF VIEWS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF U.S. POSITION. IF MOTION IS ACCEPTED, DEBATE PROBABLY COULD BE HELD AS EARLY AS JANUARY 14. AUTHOR OF MOTION BELONGS TO LEFTIST OPPOSITION FACTION WITHIN RPP, AND IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PARTY LEADERSHIP COULD FEEL ITSELF UNDER SOME PRESSURE TO SUPPORT MOTION FOR AKE OF PARTY SOLIDARITY.
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